



Opening Day!

The market is back, and may I add, by popular demand! Yes, May 5th saw the return of our Sandhill Farmers Market. The weather was almost perfect, in fact it was more than perfect when compared to many of our rain soaked days in 2014. In addition to the return of many of our most popular and trusted vendors we welcomed a wide array of new entrepreneurs with more still to come.



Our new market headquarters building made its debut. I guess most of you were waiting until you saw it to decide on any housewarming gifts. The roadside market stand is part of an awareness program directed by the SC Department of Agriculture. The buildings are designed and constructed by inmates from the SC Prison system. Our building had been in Society Hill for the last two years and was disassembled there and erected on our site over a three day period in February. Please stop by and visit with us, the tour is very brief.

Featured Vendor—Cottle Strawberries

From time to time we will showcase one of our farmer/vendors. This week it's Cottle Strawberry Farms. Spanning three generations the business is now operated by Ms. Joy Cottle who took over her father Ned in 2005. The Columbia farm is on Trotter Road and offers self pick or we pick strawberries, breads, jams, ciders and more. locations around Columbia the Sandhill REC. This is in the northeast and the made them feel welcome. our outstanding vendors at Market.

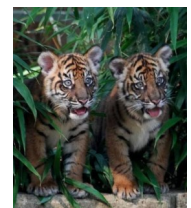


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Shout Outs!

...Young's True Value Hardware for the metallic orange tiger paw that graces our market building.



....Joe Dorton, now in his third year as associate market manager, all as a volunteer!

...Our great facility crew that helped us prepare the grounds and spaces so we could open on May 5.

...Steve Branham, of Clemson LPH, for adapting our building for electricity and installing our ceiling fans.

....All of our vendors and supporters for a great start to the 2015 season!

Support Your Local Farmers Markets

While we hope to see you every Tuesday afternoon during the season there are other Farmers Markets in the area which need your support. You will find many of our vendors at these fine markets as well.

Wednesday: [Blythewood Market](#)

Thursday: [Lake Carolina](#)

Saturday: [Kershaw Market](#)

Saturday: [Soda City Market](#)

Market Photos - May 5th - Opening Day



The Sandhill Farmers Market... where fun, food, and community come together.

Gardening Tip of the Week

Brown Patch & Large Patch Diseases of Lawns

Introduction

The beauty of a lawn can be quickly destroyed by brown patch or large patch, which are serious fungal diseases (each caused by different strains of *Rhizoctonia solani*) that can affect all South Carolina lawn grasses. Disease can develop rapidly when daytime temperatures are warm (75 to 90 °F) and humid, nighttime temperatures are above 60 °F, and there is an extended period of leaf wetness. Generally symptoms of brown patch begin on cool-season grasses (tall fescue, ryegrass, bluegrass and bentgrass) during the late spring. It may also occur on these grasses during warmer periods of the winter months. Warm-season grasses (St. Augustinegrass, zoysiagrass, Bermudagrass and centipedegrass) most commonly are affected by large patch (formerly also known as brown patch) during the early spring and late fall.

Symptoms of brown and large patch diseases may vary greatly with the type of grass and soil conditions. The diseases usually cause thinned patches of light brown grass that are roughly circular in shape. These areas range in diameter from a few inches to several feet. Often the center of the patch will recover, resulting in a donut-shaped pattern.

When disease conditions are favorable, large areas of the lawn may be uniformly thinned and eventually killed with no circular patch being evident. This type of pattern is commonly seen on infected St. Augustine grass grown in shady, moist locations.



Read the entire article, found on Clemson's Home Garden Information Center site by [clicking here](#).

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Farm-to-Table Bar



Our friends at [Garden and Gun](#), a wonderful SC based magazine that values all the South has to offer, allows us to feature an occasional offering. Their article on Stocking a Farm to Table Bar caught my attention, particularly as we begin to see many of the seasonal fruits hit the market.

The article highlights the Woodberry Kitchen in Baltimore, Maryland and includes a few recipes along

with stocking tips. Unfortunately we cannot trial these offerings at our Tuesday market, but you might want to check them out at home. Here is the [link to the article](#).



See how many of these ingredients you can find at the Sandhill Farmers Market!

Our Market Supporters: [AgSouth Farm Credit](#), [Columbia NE Kiwanis](#), [Spring Valley Rotary Club](#),

Listing of 2014 Farmers Market Vendors

The Sandhill Farmers Market is fortunate to have the participation of so many quality vendors. Their selections run the gamut from fresh produce, fruits, seafood, wood crafts, fabric crafts, baked good, plants, shrubbery, natural personal care products, prepared foods and more. Some vendors are with us for the entire 30 week season, some for half of the season and others on a week to week basis. Following you will find a listing of the hard working entrepreneurs waiting to greet you. All of those in ***bold italics*** have links built in. Please note that not all vendors are able to participate in every market.

Name
<i><u>Asya's Organic Farms</u></i>
Isom's Delights
<i><u>The Peanut Man</u></i>
<i><u>The Crescent Olive</u></i>
Charleston Cooks
Junior Chefs
AAA Greenthumb
Martin Farms Produce
Kurt's Kitchen
Paparazzi Jewelry
<i><u>The Belgian Waffle Truck</u></i>
Bee My Honey
<i><u>Chill Out Pops</u></i>
Lexington Shades of Green
Penny's Quilts and Gifts
<i><u>Lane Specialty Gardens</u></i>
<i><u>Sunny Cedars Farm</u></i>
CSD Enterprises
The Veggie Patch
It's My Sister's Fault
<i><u>January Remington</u></i>

Name
S.W. Shumpert Farm & Ice Cream
Whimsical Upscale
<i><u>Trail Ridge Farm and Dairy</u></i>
Ms. Zessie's Specialties
<i><u>Jamerry Nails</u></i>
Lem's Farm Shop
<i><u>Doswell Farm</u></i>
J's Concessions
<i><u>Livingston Farms</u></i>
Ashley's
<i><u>Old McCaskill's Farm</u></i>
The Bird Man
<i><u>Nanna's Naturals</u></i>
Conyer's Farms of Kingstree
<i><u>Company of OHS</u></i>
<i><u>The Shrimp Guy</u></i>
<i><u>Boutique Poulet</u></i>
Bradham Farms
Judith's Hands
Isom's Delights
Cakes and More by Angela



....more to come	Refer a vendor you like to us

Each week we talk with perspective vendors interested in participating at the Sandhill Farmers Market. If you would like to become a vendor please visit our [market page](#) and view the vendor information along with the vendor application found in the right hand navigation pane.

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